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## **DPNR TO HOST FREE SAFE BOATING EXPO**

Commissioner Designee Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources invites the Virgin Islands community to participate in a **FREE SAFE BOATING EXPOSITION**.

On Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gallows Bay Fisherman Boat ramp on St. Croix, the Division of Environmental Enforcement will be hosting a Safe Boating Expo. This FREE event will allow the St. Croix community the opportunity to engage with Environmental Enforcement Officers, who have sworn to Serve and Protect our Virgin Islands on both land and sea.

The Division of Environmental Enforcement, Virgin Islands Police Department, and the U.S. Coast Guard will all have their vessels on showcase to the public; there will be live demonstrations from the Virgin Islands Fire Service and St. Croix Rescue. The boating community can also sign up for **FREE** vessel safety checks, and more.

There will be plenty of fun for the whole family, with interactive exhibits, boat rides and fishing clinics throughout the day for kids and adults who want to learn to boat & fish safely. Music will be provided by DJ Cuchi.

For more information on this upcoming event, contact Juan M. Cruz, Territorial Boating Safety Education Coordinator, at 773-5774 on St. Croix, and for updates on this event you can find them on the Virgin Islands Division of Environmental Enforcement -DPNR Facebook Page.